on the 19th Decemoer, 1994, for promotion to the post of Matron in the scale of 2000-3200 in the Divisional Hospital, Danapur;

(b) if so. whether the said examination was conducted under the supervision of a single member of the Selection Board, thus violating the rules made therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the mandatory provision for providing confidential Roll No. was not followed in this case and evaluation of professional paper was done by persons who do not possess medical proficiency; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial measures Government are taking to safeguard the interests of qualified applicants and to save the Railway Hospital from corruption and mismanagement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The written examination was conducted under the supervision of one of the members of the Selection Board. It did not violate any rule.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Open bidding tenders for supply of wagons

5572. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided in the Railway Board's meeting with wagon industries on the 15th February, 1995 that 50% of the wagon requirement orders would be through Wagon India Ltd. (WIL);

(b) whether the Railway Board has indicated acquisition of 5200 wagons (FWU) through WIL;

(c) whether the Railway Board had tendered for open bidding of remaining 50% of the wagons vide their tender dated the 14th February, 1995;

(d) whether the original tendered quantity was 5450 wagons (FWU);

(e) if so. whether the same quantity was increased to 6552 FWUs on the 9th March, 1995 and further increased to 10282 FWUs on the 10th March, 1995, before the final tender opening on the 20th March, 1995; and

(f) if so, the reasons for such indecisive planning and for not adhering to the qota of 50 per cent through open bidding?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) to (e) Proposal to place orders on Wagon Industry for 50% quantity through Wagon India Ltd. and balance 50 per cent through tender against Rolling Stock Programme was mentioned in the meeting. Initially 50% quantity through Wagon India Ltd., was 5200 wagons (F.Ws), but it was later revised to 5400 wagons in terms of four wheeler units.

The tender for indigenous procurement on competitive basis was issued on 14th Feburary, 1995, orig-

nally for 5200 wagons in terms of four wheeler units. Subsequently, on receipt of proposals from non-Railway indentors for procurement of wagons under "Own Your Wagon Scheme", the quantity in the tender was increased to 10282.5 wagons in terms of four wheeler units inclusive of the revised figure of 5400 wagons in terms of four wheeler units proposed to be procured against the Railway's Rolling Stock Programme.

(f) The proposed ratio of 50% procurement from the industry through tender, of Railways own requirement, has not been changed. The revision of tendered quantity is on account of inclusion of requirements of non-Railway itiden-Fk cmfwyp cmfwypmm quently.

Mid-term review of Eighth Five Year Plan relating to railways

5573. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term review of the Eighth Five Year Plan relating to Railways has been made;

(b) if so, the highlights of the mid-term review;

(c) whether the review indicates shortfall in achieving the freight target;

(d) if so, the factors responsible for this; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the Eighth Five Year Plan target set for freight?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The highlights of the mid-term review are:

— The targets for revenue earning freight traffic would remain the same i.e. 418.4 mt.

— The passenger originating figures have been revised to 4,194 million from 4,472 million based on actual trends.

— Improvement in productivity of assets would continue to be thrust area.

— Gauge conversion of MG track to BG has been increased from 6,000 kms. to 8,100 kms.

— Electrification of routes has been revised from 3,000 kms. to 2,700 kms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Close liaison with core sector is being maintained in order to achieve the freight target for VIII Plan. Besides various marketing strategies are being adopted to capture high value traffic which include quotation of station to station rates, door to door containerised services, agglomeration of piecemeal traffic through Freight Forwarders, leasing of SLR/Brake Van spade, running of trains etc.

शालीमार एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी का देरी से चलना

5574. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा :**
श्री राजनाथ सिंह :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के मुजफ्फरनगर में विभिन्न रेलगाड़ियां प्रतिदिन अपने निर्धारित वास्तविक समय से 2–3 घंटे देर से पहुंचती हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि 1994 में दिल्ली-जम्मू-शालीमार एक्सप्रेस के जम्मू से प्रस्थान करने के समय में किये गये परिवर्तन के